STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

Item.	Amount.			Remarks.
	Rs.	ch	c.	
Demand XII—Education ...	2,035	20	0	For payment of honoraria to Dr. John Mathai and the Rev. Father D. Honore, Members of the Travancore University Committee.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 80 for the Land Revenue Branch of my office, in order that we may have a clerk there on Rs. 100—125, instead of one on Rs. 75-100 as at present. When this office was first formed, in 1097, there were two Managers, one for the Revenue Branch on Rs. 175 and the other for the Income Tax Branch on Rs. 150. Subsequently, in 1098, when the department was re-organised, these two posts were abolished and both the Revenue and Income Tax Branches were placed under the immediate control of a single Manager. The staff of clerks, fixed at the re-organisation, in the Revenue Branch was as follows:—

2 clerks on Rs. 75-100.
7 clerks on Rs. 40-70.
9 clerks on Rs. 25-40.

The House will see from this that there are two clerks on Rs. 75-100 in the Revenue Branch. The object is to convert one of these two clerks into a first grade clerk on Rs. 100-125. At present, none of the clerks in my office can ever hope to become a Tahsildar, because there are first grade clerks in other offices like the Account Office, the Secretariat and the Chief Engineer's Office. All these offices have several first grade clerks, and Tahsildars are generally recruited from these senior clerks. Therefore, no clerk in my office can hope to get any promotion. Dewan Peishkars have clerks on this grade, *viz.*, their Sheristadars; but my office has none in that grade. The senior clerk in my office must get a higher pay than the other clerks. I do not ask for any extra staff

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All that I ask for is that the senior clerk in the Revenue Branch of my office should be converted into a first grade clerk on Rs. 100-125 so as to enable him to get promotion. Moreover, when it is time for a man to get promotion, he has to go from my office to some other office, because there is no higher grade appointment in my office. The consequence is that a man of several years' experience leaves my office and a new man has to take his place. It would be more in the interests of efficiency, if I could have men of ripe experience in my office. I do not think there is anything more for me to say.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know how this escaped Mr. Robinson's notice when the budget was prepared?

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I wanted it to be included in the last year's budget. I forget how it passed out of the budget.

The demand was put to the vote of the House and carried. The grant was made.

DEMAND II—TAXES ON INCOME.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 180 under Demand II—Taxes on Income.

This demand is divided into two parts:—

(i) Rs. 80 is required for revising the pay of a clerk on Rs. 75-5/1-100 in the Income Tax Branch of my office and fixing it at Rs. 100-5/1-125. The Income Tax Branch in my office also requires one senior man to look after the work there and he should be able to inspect and supervise the work in that branch and must be a responsible man and he should have some chance of promotion. It will take some little time for a clerk to be trained in income tax work. He has to go through the various Acts and Rules connected with the subject; and a man in the Revenue Branch will not have that chance of acquainting himself with the work thoroughly. Therefore, we want to give a man in my office a chance of promotion. The same arguments relating to the Revenue Branch apply to this branch also.

(ii) The second part of the demand is Rs. 100 for fees due to two Sirkar Vakils at Rs. 50 each in two income tax cases in which they appeared before me for Government. This question of fees to Sirkar Vakils is not new to this House. It was fully discussed during the last session of the Council. In the Budget of 1099, I provided a sum of Rs. 1,000 for paying Sirkar Vakils who appeared on behalf of Government. The Sirkar Vakils are asked to appear only in very important and intricate cases and they get a very small fee of Rs. 50; whereas the Vakil for the other side is paid Rs. 500 and even more. As I said, it is only in connection with intricate and important cases that Sirkar Vakils are called in. This work was not part of their legitimate work.

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